

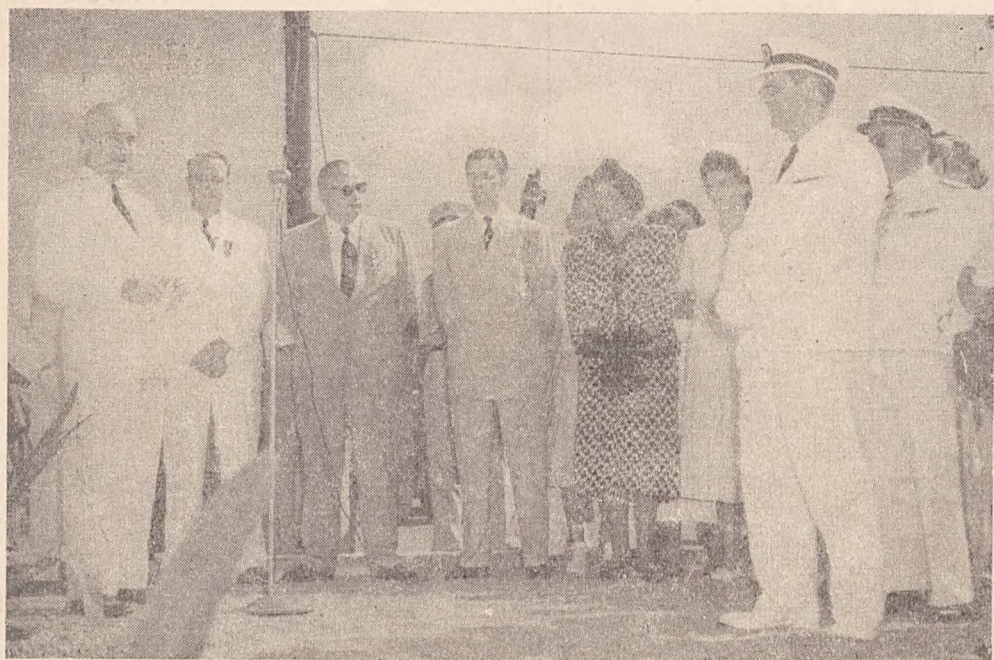
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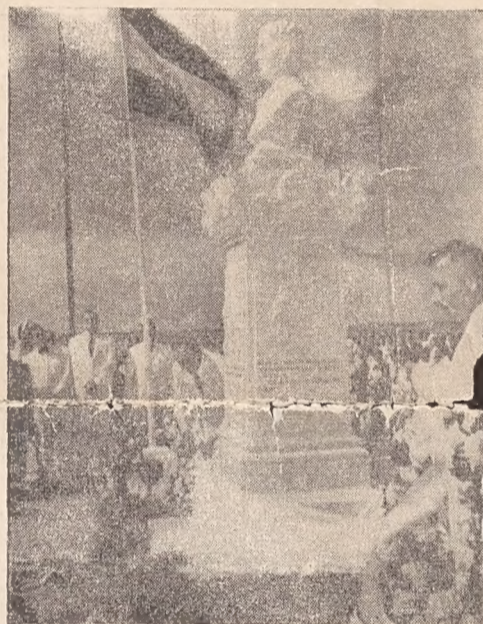
Aruban War Hero Honored at Ceremony



Dr. van Bommel highlights the dedication ceremony of the statue of Boy Ecury by explaining the part played by this gallant Aruban soldier.



Climax of the ceremony is the unveiling of the statue.



After the unveiling, the statue is surrounded by a sea of flowers.

Boy Ecury is Honored With Oranjestad Statue

November 5 marked an important day for Aruba when a huge crowd gathered at the unveiling of the statue of Boy Ecury in Oranjestad.

Ceremonies to honor this gallant Aruban, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. N. Ecury, included a dedication by Governor Peters of Curaçao. Dr. P. F. van Bommel paid tribute to the Ecury Family and to Aruba by telling of Boy Ecury's role in World War II.

During the war, when Boy Ecury was a student in Holland, he joined several of the fighting squads, called in Dutch "Knokploegen". He was caught by the German secret police and sentenced to death.

The Nazis promised him mercy and a safe return to his home in Aruba after the war if he would disclose the names of his comrades.

"In the house of my parents," the youth replied, "there is no room for a traitor."

The next day, on the 6th of November 1944, he faced the firing squad which ended his life.

Members of the Government, representatives from Lago, and prominent citizens attended the unveiling ceremonies. Numerous wreaths were sent by many companies, institutions, official organizations, and friends of the Ecury family.

A sister, Nydia, and a brother, Reuben, work for Lago, the first in the Public Relations Department and the other in TSD.